duration of five minutes between 2.10 P.M. to 2.15 P.M.; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend the time limit from 5 minutes to 10 minutes between 2.10 P.M. to 2.20 P.M. to cover the State-wide news promptly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir No difficulty has been experienced in covering the news of the region/State in the 5-minute bulletin broadcast from AIR, Trichy and the two news bulletins of 10 mts. duration each in the morning and in the evening from AIR, Madras which are relayed by AIR, Trichy

(b) No, Sir.

Madras Fisheries Harbour

763. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Madras Fisheries Harbour is often goaded with sandy slaps inside the sea, which does not allow the free flow of 900 mechanised boats of the fishermen there; and

(b) whether Government propose to make speedy efforts to equip three Dredgers to remove the goaded sand to facilitate the free flow of mechanised boats at Madras Fishing Harbour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The siltation at the enfrance of the Madras Fishing Harbour which occurred this year has already been cleared by the Madras Port Trust to enable free navigation of the mechanised boats

Efforts are on to find a permanent solution.

Import of Milk Podwer by Tamil Nadu

764. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to heavy drought in Tamil Nadu for the last three consecutive years, there is a shortage of milk for the people of Tamil Nadu:

(b) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has sent a proposal to the Centre to grant permission to import 600 tonnes of milk powder from European countries; and

(c) what is the practical difficulty of the Centre to grant permission for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There has been fall in the availability of milk and milk products during the last few months due to widespread drought conditions. However, there are indications that the situation is improving now.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Proper utilisation of Funds for Flood Relief

765. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government being a disbursing authority for funds for flood relief ensure that funds allotted to States are properly utilised and for the purpose for which they are given;

(b) in how many cases action has been taken against persons for indulging in corrupt practices in dealing with relief work (State-wise);

(c) whether any code of action for crisis management together with punishment prescribed for misuse apart from those available under the existing audit rules; and